

In the Abstract

Please substitute the following amended Abstract for the Abstract as currently pending (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

The aim of the invention is to machine a material ~~[[(13)]]~~ by ~~means~~ application of non-linear radiation ~~[[(2)]]~~. ~~Said aim is achieved by modifying the laser radiation (2).~~ Said The aim is achieved by modifying the laser radiation ~~[[(2)]]~~ emitted by a laser beam source ~~[[(9)]]~~ with the aid of a polarization modulator in such a way that laser radiation ~~[[(8)]]~~ focused into the material ~~[[(14)]]~~ is polarized in a linear fashion, the direction of polarization varying across the cross section of the beam.